

ITINERARY:

Day 1- Saturday 8 September 2012

Head to the Airport for our flight

London Stansted to Rome Ciampino
Depart Stansted 14:00
Arrive Ciampino 17:25

We meet you on arrival for transfer to your Hotel a tourist class 3 star Hotel. Evening tour of Rome with dinner included.

Day 2- Sunday 9 September 2012

Join us for an exploratory walk of more Rome, enjoy a guaranteed entrance to the world famous Vatican Museum!
Evening transfer to Bolsena, arrival Hotel Eden. Dinner included.

Day 3- Monday 10 September 2012

Day at leisure.

Join us for an introductory walk along the lakeside followed by a walk around the historic town of Bolsena who's origins can be traced back to 3rd century B.C. including walking up to the Monaldeschi Castle and climbing further to see magnificent views of Lake Bolsena. Afternoon self guided walks available.

Day 4- Tuesday 11 September 2012

Tour of Orvieto to see Orvieto cathedral one of the most splendid gothic cathedrals in Italy which took more than three centuries to build, you will see the Capella Brizio with the frescoes by Luca Signorelli which inspired Michelangelo in his last Judgement found in the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican. Also a visit is included to the Museum of the Works of the Cathedral where it is possible to see in close up some of the artefacts of the cathedral. We will also take a walk through the medieval quarter of Orvieto. Learn about the ancient history of the city with an Archeological tour underground.



TAP YOUR SHOES IN THE LAND OF THE POPES INC WEEK FROM £899.00



Join us in Rome and Lake Bolsena in Lazio, 112 kilometers from Rome, explore the lake and its surrounding typical towns, visit Orvieto with its magnificent cathedral and the fascinating medieval quarter, learn about the ancient history of the city with an Archeological tour underground . Our other included tour is to the Villa Lante and the Palazzo Farnese.

ACCOMMODATION



You will be based at the Hotel Eden:

<http://www.hoteledenbolsena.it> on the shores of Lake Bolsena. It's a three star hotel, managed by a family, with open air swimming pool, garden and private beach. The restaurant provides excellent Italian cuisine.

Lake Bolsena is the largest volcanic lake in Europe, it's known as the lake you can drink (il lago che si beve) the water is so pure and clean that the local fisherman use it to make a fish soup called Sbroscia. It is surrounded by a green landscape with lush vegetation due to the climate and fertile volcanic soil.

All the way around the lake you will find stretches of beaches filled with fine volcanic sand, where you can relax, swim and take the sun. Take a boat from the port of Bolsena for a tour of the lake and see its 2 islands Martana and Bisentina. Ten minutes' walk from your hotel is the pretty town of Bolsena, situated on the Volsini hills and bordered by the via Cassia, the ancient road to Rome, which is still in use today.

Day 5- Wednesday 12 September 2012

Day at leisure.
Half day optional guided walk (level 3 see web site or call for details).

Day 6 - Thursday 13 September 2012

Tour to Bagnaia to see the Villa Lante with its formal gardens and fountains, largely laid out by Cardinal Gambara during the 16th century.

In the afternoon we go to Caprarola to see the Farnese Palace built in the 16th century for Cardinal Alesssandro Farnese by Vignola. It was from 1948 until 1955 the summer residence of the President of the Italian Republic.

Day 7 - Friday 14 September 2012

Day at leisure:
Hire a bicycle, take a boat tour on the lake, or a local bus to Viterbo and visit the thermal baths, or to some of the other towns surrounding the lake.
Optional self guided walk

Day 8- Saturday 15 September 2012

Breakfast and lunch at the hotel

Transfer from Bolsena to Rome Ciampino Airport

Departure for London 17:50
Arrival London Stansted 19:30

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The price of the holiday starts at **£899.00 per person in twin rooms, all inclusive. Lake views rooms at £999 per person per week, single use of a double room at £ 999.00 per person.**



Bolsena was originally an Etruscan town and is now the home to about 3,000 people. Visit the Castle of the Monaldeschi, the church of Santa Christina where the festival of Corpus Christi was instituted or just stroll through the pretty streets with their enticing shops, restaurants and cafes. From Bolsena you can take local buses to some of the towns surrounding lake Bolsena, Gradoli, Montefiascone, Grotte di Castro and Viterbo where you can visit the famous thermal baths. For the more energetic there are well mapped walks, or cycles can be hired or even a boat.

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FLIGHT & COST SUPPLEMENTS

The cost of your holiday includes flight UK-Rome Rtn of £ 100.00 should the Airline charge any more we will adjust the total according to the new cost of the seat **Prices are based on exchange rate of 1.10 Pound to the Euro.** NB: Should this change considerably we will adjust the total accordingly.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

Itinerary Return flights London Stansted to Rome Ciampino. Airport transfers. Seven nights Half Board basis with continental breakfast, lunch or dinner with wine & water included. Transport heading to Orvieto-Tarquiniya- Vulci – Villa Lante and Palazzo Farnese tours. Double rooms for single use. The services of Adam and Steve travel manager.

On day 6 - Tour to see the Villa Lante - The gardens are laid out in three terraces, you will be able to see the Fountain of the Dolphins, the Fountain of the Giants, the Cardinal's Table, used for outside banquets with water running in the centre to keep drinks cool, the Fountain of the Lamps which feeds into the enormous pool of the Quadrato with the Fountain of the Moors. At the entrance to the gardens you will find the Fountain of the Pegasus, with its winged horses striking their hooves against the rock to send up a jet of water. In the afternoon we go to Caprarola to see the Farnese Palace built in the 16th century for Cardinal Alesssandro Farnese by Vignola. This pentagonal palace dominates the town of Caprarola was built to celebrate the power and glory of the Farnese family. You will climb an elegant spiral stair case completely frescoed to gain access to the piano nobile where room after room is decorated with frescoes displaying the life and history of the Farnese family.

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